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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**6 SEPTEMBER 2020:**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9  
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 8-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 6 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 769 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am 11.00 am</b>
Monday 7 September	Monday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catrina Greig, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 8 September	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 9 September	St. Peter Claver (Memorial) Mass Intention: Stephen and Rachel Callaghan (Wedding Anniversary today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 10 September	Thursday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Annie MacLeod (Anniversary today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Friday 11 September	Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kenneth MacIntyre (Anniversary yesterday)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 12 September	The Most Holy Name of Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
<b>Sunday 13 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 772 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am 11.00 am</b>

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Win Them Back

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16).

He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17-20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21-23).

But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Second Reading says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation. (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 769)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 769: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery of Salvation
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
- p. 631: Communion Rite

**Remember one another** – Please try to support one another in these challenging times: a phone call to check up on elderly and vulnerable parishioners and friends; a friendly call to see if anyone needs shopping; supporting your local shops and businesses, which will be hit hard from a financial perspective. We are all in this together.

**Remember your parish** – If you would like to support the maintenance of our parish during this time of lockdown, here are some different ways that the parish can be assisted:

- **A regular Standing Order:** the account details are in the next column opposite, under 'Parish Finances'.
- **Donations in an envelope, put through the church letterbox.** During this period, and for the foreseeable future, any offerings, donations or benefactions to the parish will be paid in to our No. 1 (Running) Account.
- **A re-evaluation of your level of giving.** If every parishioner at Mass gave an extra £5 (two coffees at Costa or Starbucks..), it would make an enormous difference to the future of the parish!!
- **A Bequest,** or gift left in a will, is an increasingly popular way of remembering your parish. All bequests should be made to St. Columba's Culloden Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

**"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122)** – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass next Sunday, here are the links:

#### 13 September 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-13-09-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### 13 September 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-13-09-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 6 September at 12 noon.**

**SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September-4 October:** to mark five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*, on the care of our common home, a 'Season of Creation' has been organised, to run from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

### **NEXT WEEK THE HIGHLAND GATHERING: MEN'S VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, Saturday 19 September**

– What does a Catholic man in Scotland in 2020 look like? How does or should our faith effect our lives? Does it look different to what the world tells us it is? If you are looking for help to find these answers, then this virtual FREE conference is for you.

All of the talks are available on this YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrnp0AkM97GesZiQNKEhD3g/>

Conference speakers include: Bishop Hugh Gilbert; Bishop John Keenan; Fr. Domenico Zanrè; Fr. Damien Martell; Fr. Max Nwosu; Fr. Balaraj Chencetty; Fr. Neil Ritchie (Chaplain to Liverpool Universities); Fr. Nicholas Blackwell (aka 'The Frank Friar'); Sam Baker (Catholic Man UK); David Edwards (Highland Catholic Men); Ged Farrell; Maciej Kaminski (Polish); Klaudiusz Mozolewski; Leves Pereria; Rory Mackinnon (from Craig Lodge). Go to the Conference YouTube page for all of the talks. See you there!

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

**90 Club: AUGUST WINNERS!!** – 1st Prize: Mary Munro; 2nd Prize: Chris Hamilton; 3rd Prize: Helen McGilp. Well done to our winners! Your next chance to win is on Sunday 27th September. If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, it's only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. please see Fr. Domenico.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey

**RIP:** + Mary Flora Cumming + Luciana MacNeil +

**Anniversaries:** + Catrina Greig + Kenneth MacIntyre + Annie MacLeod + Brian O'Connell +